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Amendment and Response Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments

In the Specification:

On page 1 of the specification, after the title and before line 2, please add the following heading -- Field of the Invention --.

On page 1, after the title, and before the "Field of the Invention" section discussed above, please add the following text:

-- Cross Reference to Related Applications

The present application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 to German application 100 47 867.0, filed on September 27, 2000 and German application 101 13 958.6, filed on March 22, 2001. --

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